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Governor Announces Strategic Partnership Between N.C. and China
The Hamner Institutes and XY Group International sign Memorandum of Understanding

DURHAM – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences of RTP and the XY Group International of China have signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding that will focus on advancing biomedical innovation and technology collaborations, facilitating international business development and creating unique training and education opportunities.

The agreement, signed during today’s Trade and Investment Seminar in Durham and coordinated as part of Chinese President Hu Jintao’s delegation visit to the U.S., further advances the existing Sino-U.S. Global Integrated Biosciences Partnership launched in May 2010. This partnership continues the relationship between the State of North Carolina, China, The Hamner Institutes and XY Group International to create a global biosciences gateway that will serve as a prototype for China/USA technology, business and economic development partnerships.

“If North Carolina is going to not just compete but thrive in a 21st century economy, we must build on relationships around the globe that will provide mutual benefit to both sides,” said Gov. Perdue. “What we’re doing today is paving the way for future development between our countries – development that may one day translate into jobs for our people. That’s what it’s all about: finding opportunities to position North Carolina for job growth and better, stronger investments for our future.”

Under Gov. Perdue’s leadership, North Carolina has made building relationships with other countries an economic development priority. Relationships established during Gov. Perdue’s trade mission to China in 2009 helped influence today’s agreement.

“This is a very important opportunity for both North Carolina and China,” said Dr. William Greenlee, President and CEO of The Hamner Institutes. “Forging a science and technology